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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council

Human rights: implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

1. Since the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007, some Governments have taken measures to incorporate into their national or domestic legislation, recognition of and respect for the human rights of indigenous peoples. However, in most regions of the world, implementation of the Declaration remains a big challenge. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues welcomes the reports of States and United Nations agencies on respective initiatives to implement the Declaration, but draws attention to the serious implementation gaps.

2. Issues of violence and brutality, continuing assimilation policies, marginalization, dispossession of land, forced removal or relocation, denial of land rights, the impacts of large-scale development, abuses by military forces, armed conflict and a host of other abuses, are a reality for indigenous peoples and their communities around the world. Examples of violence and brutality have occurred in every corner of the indigenous world, often perpetrated against indigenous peoples who are defending their rights and their lands, territories and natural resources.

3. The Permanent Forum reaffirms its general comments to article 42 of the Declaration adopted previously by the Forum. The Forum welcomes the report

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presented by Bartolome Clavero, Lars Anders-Baer, Carsten Smith and Michael Dodson on the matter during its tenth session.

4. The Permanent Forum thanks the Government of Colombia for its support during the Forum mission to Colombia and requests that the Government, the United Nations country team and the United Nations agencies involved in the mission implement the recommendations contained in the mission report through consultation and full collaboration with the indigenous peoples concerned. The Permanent Forum intends to assess the implementation of the recommendations at its eleventh session.

5. The Permanent Forum calls upon States, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to establish national initiatives, programmes and plans of work to implement the Declaration with clear timelines and priorities. States and indigenous peoples should report regularly to their national legislative bodies and to the Forum on the progress and shortcomings in implementing the Declaration.

6. The Permanent Forum calls upon all member States and United Nations agencies to respond to the annual questionnaire from the Permanent Forum secretariat in order to provide information on reliable practices that lead to the full and effective implementation of the Declaration. Further, the Forum recommends that the secretariat include questions that particularly focus on indigenous children and youth.

7. The Permanent Forum welcomes the collaboration with indigenous parliamentarians during the tenth session of the Forum. It encourages the parliamentarians and other elected indigenous representatives from national, regional and local decision-making bodies to establish an international network or organization in order to share common experiences, including those related to the implementation of the Declaration in legislative and other democratic bodies. It further encourages the Inter-Parliamentary Union to install a liaising body with the indigenous parliamentarians to strengthen awareness of the Declaration. The Forum calls upon indigenous parliamentarians to promote necessary legislative reforms for the implementation of the Declaration.

8. The Permanent Forum recommends that the secretariat of the Forum, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Programme on Youth cooperate closely with the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus to conduct and support regional and international human rights training programmes to build the capacity and advocacy skills of indigenous youth.